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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN HCOC REQUEST

Classified By: P/E Counselor Eric Gaudiosi, reasons 1.4 (b and d)

¶1. (U) This is an action request. See paragraph 3.

¶2. (C) MFA Security and Non-proliferation Section Chief Mark Horvath requested a meeting with PolOff December 16 to discuss the current status of U.S.-Russian discussions related to the Joint Data Exchange Center. Commenting that the current bi-lateral impasse hampers HCOC progress, he urged both parties to move forward to resolve the differences. Horvath stated that he will also raise the issue with his Russian interlocutors. Continuing, he commented that by early January the Russians will announce that they will not participate in the HCOC Pre-Launch Notification regime.

¶3. (C) Action request: Hungary, as HCOC Chair, requests the USG provide a clearer picture as to where the U.S. stands on the current bi-lateral discussions.

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